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For:

HALL DEVICE BIASING CIRCUIT AND MAGNETISM

DETECTION CIRCUIT INCLUDING THE SAME

## COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance points out features not taught by the prior art of record. However, Applicants note that it is the claims as a whole that define the scope of the invention for which protection is sought.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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